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Letter dated 28 July 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit for your information a letter dated 21 July 1997 from the members of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia addressed to the Acting Chairman of the National Assembly, Mr. Loy Sim Chheang.

I should be deeply grateful if you would kindly circulate the text of the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 109 and 110, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) SISOWATH Sirirath
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
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ANNEX

Summary of a letter dated 21 July 1997 to the Acting Chairman of the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia

In conformity with items 7, 10, 19 and 58 of the Internal Regulations of the National Assembly, we, the undersigned Members of Parliament request that any meeting of the National Assembly be postponed until such time as the situation in Cambodia returns to normal because, in the present climate of intimidation, Members of Parliament cannot carry out their duties in a spirit of independence and according to their consciences.

(Signed) Son Sobert

(Signed) Ahmed Yahya

(Signed) Prak Chantha

(Signed) Thaong Nouv

(Signed) Chhun Phinop

(Signed) Maogn Sophan

(Signed) Son Chhay

(Signed) Min Saroeun

(Signed) Sam Kanitha

Note:

Item 7. The (12-member) Standing Committee of the National Assembly and the Assembly itself have the same (5-year) term. Therefore the 5 FUNCINPEC and BLDP members of the Standing Committee cannot be replaced before May 1998.

Item 10. The quorum required for the Standing Committee to meet is 7 out of 12 members. Since Son Soubert and Kem Sohka, Ahmed Yahya, Om Rasedy and Kan Man have fled the country following the coup and since Chairman Chea Sim serves as Acting Head of State, only 6 members of the Standing Committee can meet.

Item 19. Only the Standing Committee can convene the National Assembly and set the agenda of its meetings.

Item 58. A group of 10 Members of Parliament can request the postponement of any meeting of the National Assembly.